

Appl. No. 10/040,652
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Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (currently amended): A paint roller comprising:

a paint applicator having a cylindrical outer surface and two opposite ends; and

two holder mounts, respectively associated with said two opposite ends, each of said holder mounts having a base surface and ~~comprising~~ a journal~~[[,]]~~ protruding from said base surface in a direction away from said paint applicator~~[[,]]~~;

wherein said journal comprises ~~comprising at least one~~ a holder abutment and a hollow cylindrical protrusion extending from the holder abutment~~[[,]]~~;

wherein ~~each of said at least one~~ holder abutment having has a planar abutment surface substantially aligned on a common plane~~,;~~
~~wherein and the~~ total area of said planar abutment surface for each of said journal is smaller than an axial cross-section of each of said holder mounts, ~~said smaller total area achieved by a plurality of arc-shaped members disposed around said journal;~~ and

wherein said hollow cylindrical protrusion forms a channel through which paint is channelled for storage within said paint applicator.

Claim 25 (cancelled)

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Claim 26 (currently amended): The paint roller as claimed in Claim ~~25~~24, wherein said ~~at least one~~ holder abutment forms a ring surrounding said hollow cylindrical protrusion.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The paint roller as claimed in Claim ~~26~~24, wherein ~~said hollow cylindrical protrusion forms a channel with an inner wall having at least one circumferential ridge~~ said holder abutment is comprised of a plurality of arc-shaped members surrounding said hollow cylindrical protrusion.

Claims 28-34 (cancelled)

Claim 35 (currently amended): The paint roller as claimed in Claim 24, ~~and~~ further comprising an applicator holder having:

a handle; and

a fork having opposite sides, each of said opposite sides having a journal engagement portion.

Claim 36 (new): The paint roller as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said journal engagement portion comprises a loop for coupling to said journal, and said loop has a mount abutment surface that has an area larger than that of said planar abutment surface.

Claim 37(new): The paint roller as claimed in Claim 36, further comprising a cover for capping at least one of said holder mounts.